UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT BRANCH

Washington, D.C. 20570

Via email

May 31, 2022

Re: FOIA Case No: NLRB-2022-001164

Dear Ms. Brenya L-L Sutton (Quadient):

This is in response to your request, under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, received in this Office on May 11, 2022, in which you seek "the lease agreement for the mailing equipment located at your facilities." You did not assume financial responsibility for processing your request.

We acknowledged your request on May 11, 2022.

The FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(i), provides that each agency shall promulgate regulations specifying the schedule of fees applicable to the processing of FOIA requests. Under NLRB FOIA regulations, each request for records shall contain a specific statement assuming financial responsibility in full or to a specified maximum amount, for time which may be incurred in responding to the request. Further, a request for records will not be deemed received until a written assumption of fees is received. NLRB Rules and Regulations, Section 102.117(d)(2)(vi).

A member of my staff made several calls to you on May 12, 2022, and also followed up with an email on May 16, 2022 to advise you that your request did not include an assumption of fees. It was explained to you that in order for us to process your request, you needed to inform us in writing that you were willing to assume financial responsibility and you were given a fee estimate of \$18.50. You were further advised that if you did not contact the FOIA Branch by May 31, 2022, your request would be administratively closed. To date, the FOIA Branch has not received any response from you. Therefore, your request has been closed.

This administrative closure is not an adverse determination. If in the future you wish to obtain these or any other NLRB records, you must submit a new FOIA request that reasonably describes the records sought and includes an assumption of financial responsibility.

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You may contact Teresita Sanabria, the FOIA Specialist, who processed your request, at (202) 273-4000 or by email at Teresita. Sanabria@nlrb.gov, as well as the Agency's FOIA Public Liaison, Kristine M. Minami, for any further assistance and/or to discuss any aspect of your request. The FOIA Public Liaison, in addition to the FOIA Specialist, can further explain responsive and releasable agency records, suggest agency offices that may have responsive records, and/or discuss how to narrow the scope of a request in order to minimize fees and processing times. The contact information for the Agency's FOIA Public Liaison is:

Kristine M. Minami FOIA Public Liaison National Labor Relations Board 1015 Half Street, S.E., 4th Floor Washington, D.C. 20570 Email: FOIAPublicLiaison@nlrb.gov

Telephone: (202) 273-0902 Fax: (202) 273-FOIA (3642)

After first contacting the Agency, you may additionally contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA dispute resolution services it offers. The contact information for OGIS is:

Office of Government Information Services National Archives and Records Administration 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS College Park, Maryland 20740-6001

Email: ogis@nara.gov Telephone: (202) 741-5770 Toll free: (877) 684-6448

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Sincerely,

Is/ Synta E. Keeling

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